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CALENDAR

- September 12 - Special Operatic Concert
- September 13 - Third Quarter BOR Meeting
- September 15-16 - CHE Trustee Workshop
- September 28 - MSU vs. Kentucky Wesleyan (Family Weekend)
- October 26 - MSU vs. St. Joseph's College (Homecoming)
- November 2 - MSU vs. Quincy University
- November 9 - MSU vs. Western Kentucky University
- November 15 - Fourth Quarter BOR Meeting
- December 13 - Holiday Dinner Party
- December 14 - Winter Commencement

The *Excitement* of New Beginnings

by President Ron Eaglin

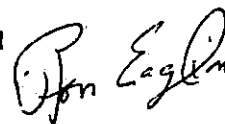
Fall, to an educator, becomes the elixir of life. Even after 30-plus years of seeing new students arrive on campus, I still feel a sense of excitement. Everyone seems busier, but the morale of everyone probably jumps significantly.

This is shaping up to be an even more eventful year than most. We are expecting one of the largest and brightest first-year classes ever. Our challenge is to mold this new talent over the next four years into competent graduates. A great deal of emphasis is being placed on retention of students. Many faculty have indicated their willingness to be more active in students' lives to help them make wise decisions about themselves.

Success is what we are after, and it's our intention to set the conditions for that to occur. For the first time, all new students are required to take MSU 101, a one-hour course that focuses on a positive adaptation to the rigors of academic life. While many of the lessons are practical in nature (how to use the library, study skills, campus safety, etc.), other topics are provided to help students learn more about themselves. These include career exploration, use of the Wellness Center for a healthier lifestyle, and more. Our job is to help students understand that they have control of their future. When students come to me with problems, my first question is "What have YOU done to resolve the matter?" As successful alumni, you have come to realize that you were the person who had to make positive things happen in your life.

Our goal remains to set those conditions for success and to help as much as humanly possible so that through our words and deeds these new students will strive toward individual success. Our new admissions marketing theme is "Preparing You For Success Is What We Do Best."

We believe that says it all! ■



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Webb takes Alumni Presidency



H Jack Webb of Ashland assumed office on July 1 as president of the MSU Alumni Association. He also started the same day as director of the University's Ashland Area Extended Campus Center.

A former superintendent of Greenup County Schools, Webb is a two-time graduate of MSU. He was serving as assistant superintendent in Greenup County when he retired on June 30.

He will serve a two-year term in the alumni presidency, in addition to being an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of the MSU Foundation. ■

Update on Technology Initiatives

by Dwayne Cable

Bids recently closed on the project to improve the University's campus-wide video network serving residence halls, classrooms, and offices. MSU's contractor, Central Associated Engineers (CAE) of Lexington, KY, projected costs of approximately one million. Unfortunately, the lowest bid was \$1.432 million not including an add alternate of \$156,000. Accordingly, MSU finds it necessary to revisit the feasibility of continuing this initiative as currently designed. The University is currently in the process of developing a new strategy for enhancing the University's video infrastructure as well as addressing other networking and technology related needs over the next three to five years. Due to budget constraints, the University plans to not award this project as presently bid. The existing video infrastructure, which provides 10-12 channels of programming serving the residence halls will be maintained while a more cost effective strategy is developed to expand capacity as promised.

While some furniture and other final room remodeling issues will be resolved during September, compressed video facilities at Whitesburg, West Liberty, and Combs 211 were made operational in time for the start of Fall Semester classes. These rooms become additional teaching facilities in support of MSU's Distance Learning objectives. This brings the total number of University-owned compressed-video classroom facilities to seven. The other classrooms made operational during FY 95-96 are at the following locations: Ginger Hall 405, Ashland Extended Campus Center, Prestonsburg Extended Campus Center, and at Lees College.

The Riggle Room also has undergone extensive renovations in an effort to enhance presentation, seating, and video conferencing capabilities. All construction is expected to be complete in time for the upcoming Board meeting. ■

Feasibility Study Underway

by Keith Kappes

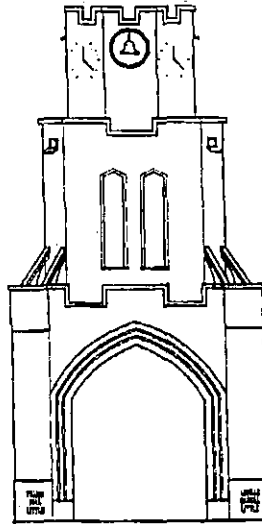
Substantial progress has been made on the major funds campaign feasibility study being conducted by an Atlanta consultant.

Dr. Charles Sullivan of Alexander O'Heill Haas & Martin has completed the personal interviews and records review for the internal assessment phase of the study. A written report on his findings and recommendations will be forthcoming in September. The second phase will involve about 50 personal interviews with key alumni and other friends of MSU. That activity will be conducted in October and November with a final report expected before the end of December.

The MSU Foundation is paying for the study. ■

Construction Begins on Bell Tower

Construction has begun on the 40-foot bell tower to be located in front of the Camden-Carroll Library adjacent to University Boulevard. It is expected that the bell tower will become a landmark for generations to come, and President Eaglin will recommend that the Board of Regents, at its September 13 meeting, name the tower for Lexington philanthropist Mrs. Lucille Caudill Little and her late husband W. Paul Little. Mrs. Little, a native of Rowan County, has generously pledged to pay for most of the tower's construction costs.



In 1994, the University received a \$1 million gift from Mrs. Little which is the largest from any individual in the University's history. The idea for the bell tower grew out of discussions with Mrs. Little. She wanted a way to honor her husband and to instill in future generations what she describes as the essentials of life—justice, love, service and wisdom. These words will be inscribed on the tower.

The first phase of a proposed redesign of the central campus which was severely damaged in the May 18, 1995, storm, it is envisioned that there will be four terraces coming down from the Library with the tower on the first level. Also proposed is an amphitheatre below the tower between University Boulevard and University Street.

Pack's Inc. of Morehead is the contractor for the project. The bell tower was designed by Joseph and Joseph Architects of Louisville with C. Merrill Moter as principal architect. Joseph and Joseph is the firm that designed the original nine campus buildings which are now on the National Register of Historic Places. The bell tower will be constructed in red brick and limestone which will replicate the Collegiate Gothic architectural style of those earlier buildings. As the University moves into a second century of higher education in Rowan County, the bell tower project affords MSU an exciting opportunity to create a new landmark.

In addition to Mrs. Little's gift of \$175,000, the MSU Foundation, Inc., will provide another \$25,000 for construction costs and \$8,000 for architect's fees. Site construction costs and equipping the tower with a programmable electronic carillon and clock will be financed by the University at a cost of \$25,000. Completion of the tower is anticipated before the end of the year.■

1993-94 University Objectives Revisited

by Jeanne Osborne

As part of a workshop exercise for administrators participating in the annual retreat at Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College, August 7-9, President Eaglin asked attendees to indicate their progress since 1993-94 on 13 University objectives using a scale of 1 (weakest) to 10 (strongest). The top five objectives identified as those in which "strongest" progress had been made were:

- Create an atmosphere conducive to enhancing the success of our students (average score = 7.5)
- Encourage professional development to ensure continuous professional growth (average score = 7.4)
- Enhance use of technology as educational tool (average score = 7.1)
- Create equitable and fair procedures in professional evaluation to ensure appropriate financial compensation (average score = 7.0)
- Create a unity of purpose among faculty and staff for Morehead State University (average score = 6.7)■

Thanks to Charles and Alice Rhodes for sponsoring an exhibition, "African-American Gardens and Yards in the Rural South." This exhibition depicts the fancifully decorated gardens and swept dirt yards that grace the southern landscape in communities throughout Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina and will be on display at the Kentucky Folk Art Center September 4-October 30.■

Morehead State University - Saint Claire Medical Center Child Care Center

by Bill Riley

The MSU/SCMC Child Care Center is in its fifth month of operation since opening for business on April 15, 1996. Enrollments have continued to grow ever since opening and, currently, there are waiting lists for infants and toddlers. The Center has a current maximum capacity of 10 infants and 12 toddlers.

The present daily average attendance is 49 children, that consists of 10 infants, 12 toddlers, 20 pre-schoolers and 7 after-school children. MSU faculty, staff, and students, as well as the staff of the Saint Claire Medical Center, are finding the Center to be a valuable and appreciated benefit. ■

Construction Report

by Joe Planck

After five years of designing, planning and construction, both the new and renovated sections of Lappin Hall were completed for opening of the 1996 Fall Semester. Although the contractor completed the project behind schedule, all classrooms were furnished and ready for classes and most of the displaced faculty were returned to new offices. Morehead State University will be resurfacing the roadways adjacent to Lappin Hall and the west side parking lot this Fall. The drive between Lappin Hall and Combs Building will remain closed for use as a pedestrian mall and walkway, and additional landscaping is being planned.

Phase I of the Wellness Center has been completed and the facility will be utilized this Fall. Plans and specifications are being prepared for Phase II of the project. Phase II will provide indoor tennis facilities, walking track, and additional aerobic space.

New poles and lights have been installed at Jayne Stadium. Much of this expense was covered by insurance proceeds provided after the old poles were damaged in wind storms. With more efficient lighting, the number of poles was reduced from six to four and the number of fixtures

reduced by half, while increasing the light level on the playing field.

Other projects completed during the summer include modernization of elevators at Ginger Hall, Nunn Hall, and Mignon Tower; reroofing of Nunn Hall; replacing chiller at East Mignon and West Mignon; replacing fan coils at Laughlin Health Building and Lloyd Cassity; repairing roof on Button Auditorium; and replacing entry doors at several University facilities.

Renovation of the old Union Grocery Building for the Kentucky Folk Art Center is underway. The roof has been replaced, exterior walls have been cleaned and tuck pointed, foundation and floor joist have been repaired, and interior work is in progress. Completion is scheduled for the Summer of 1997.

Other projects in construction or design include: Sanitary Sewage Improvements, Equine Teaching Facility, Lloyd Cassity Roof Replacement, President's Home Roof Replacement, and miscellaneous modernization and improvement for Academic Affairs. ■



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